

When the matter is finally
completed I will ask Mr. Joseph
Lepton of Leeds, who is one of the
Trustees appointed by the Committee,
to write you a further letter of
explanation that you and your
friends may know how we have
performed the duties of our stewardship.

Believe me to remain,
Rev S. May junr. Very faithfully yours,
F. W. Chesson

arriving at this decision has
been unavoidable.. Mr. Thompson
now resides at Harrogate, in the
north of England; but I shall
forward to him extracts from your
last letter and request him to
write to you without delay..

Including your subscription
and a contribution we expect to
receive from Manchester, we hope to
have a sum of five hundred pounds
for investments in good securities..
It is not desirable that all the
fund should be sunk in an annuity
on the joint lives of Mr. and Mrs.
Thompson because, as I explained
in my last letter, they have an
unmarried daughter and a little
grandson dependant on them..

to be consulted on the subject.
The draft will therefore be paid
into the Bank to the account
of the Right Hon John Bright, ^{Chairman,} William
Evans Treasurer, and William Shaen
Hon Secy. of the George Thompson
Testimonial Fund, - and ^{when} Mr. Thompson
~~will~~ is asked to endorse the draft,
which is made payable to him, it
will be intimated to him that if
he needs a portion of the money,
a cheque will be placed at his disposal.
Our only object, of course, is to
secure his interests in the most
effective way, ^{and} I am quite sure that
you will approve of the discretion we
propose to exercise. I would add
that Mr. Evans could not make an
appointment with me before yesterday
and that therefore the delay is

62 Kennington road S.E. London..

Rec^d Mar. 24,

March 17th 1870..

Dear Mr. May.

Yesterday I read
your letter to Mr. William Evans,
the Treasurer of the Testimonials
Fund, and I also handed to
him your Draft for Two hundred
and forty one pounds 18/.. He
expressed a very strong opinion
that the money would be far
more permanently beneficial to
Mr. Thompson if invested, with
the other ^{subscriptions.} ~~money~~ in hand, in American
stock.. I am quite sure that he
is right in this view and that
it would be shared in by Mr. Bright
if he were now in a state of health